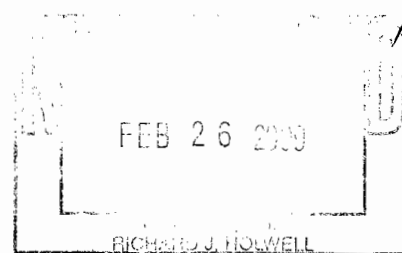
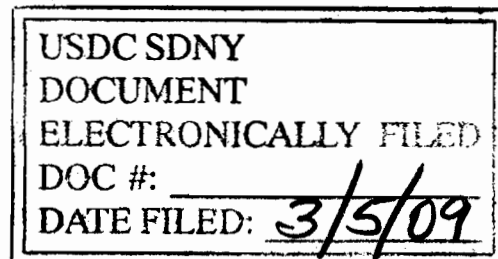


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Hon. Richard J. Holwell
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VIA FACSIMILE (212 805-7948) and ECF

Re: *United States v. David Neustein et al.*, Case No. 06-cr-1179 (RJH)

Dear Judge Holwell:

Mr. Neustein requests permission to travel to Florida with his wife for a period of one week, to visit and care for his elderly grandparents and to obtain a brief rest.

If permitted by the court, Mr. Neustein would like to leave as soon as possible and stay for the duration of one week. 02/27/09-3/10/09 — FLA Trip.

Jacob Laufer, Esq., a New York attorney who will be seeking to substitute for me as counsel of record shortly, advised me that he spoke with Assistant U.S. Attorney Avi Weitzman, who advised that the Government consents to this request.

Thank you for Your Honor's consideration of this request.

Respectfully Submitted,
By: *Kenneth J. Kukec*
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*Appellate Grant
SO ORDERED
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cc: AUSA Avi Weitzman
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